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## BIG CELEBRATION

### Held at Big Stone Gap Last Friday and Saturday,

Thousands of People Witness

Spectacular Aeroplane

Flights.

One of the largest and best behaved crowds that have yet assembled in Big Stone Gap to witness the Independence Day celebration that is given annually by the Big Stone Gap Athletic Association were here Friday and Saturday. The first day was ideal for the occasion and Saturday would have been a record breaker, but rain began to fall by 3 o'clock and never ceased until 2 p. m. Hundreds of visitors, who came early returned home at noon thinking the celebration would be called off. Incoming trains brought hundreds of visitors and it wasn't long before the streets were crowded.

Little John's Carnival furnished amusement all during the week and was well patronized.

Everybody was anxious to see the flying machine go up, and it was safe to say they received entire satisfaction. Mr. Lucky making four successful flights. Friday afternoon's flight was the feature, staying up longer than any previous time, at a height of over 1000 feet.

## July 2nd.

At 9:15 o'clock, Friday morning, a parade, consisting of the local military company, headed by the Rock Concert Band, marched from Wood Avenue to the lake ball grounds, to the tune of that ever popular air, "Let's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary". The weather being ideal the events scheduled were promptly executed.

### Sham Battle.

A sham battle was fought by two squads of Company H, 2nd Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, under the command of Lieutenant Painter. A squad of men were concealed outside of the park, under the command of Sergeant Taylor, who were to attack Lieutenant Painter, and try to dislodge him. The attacking party, however, failed to dislodge the enemy. It was a most exciting event and was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

### Mine Explosion.

The mine explosion demonstration under the direction of the United States Bureau of Mines, took place immediately after the aeroplane flight. A wooden gallery 100 feet long was built in the lower end of the park, made to resemble a mine entry. By actual explosion it was shown the result of safety powder and black powder being used in mines. Coal dust was placed on small shelves in the gallery and five pounds of black powder was fired, which caused a terrible explosion.

### Annual First Aid Field Contest

The First Annual First Aid Contest of the Southwest Virginia Coal Fields was held at Big Stone Gap, July 2, at 1:30 p. m., on the athletic field. The contest was directed by Maj. R. U. Patterson, of the United States Army, Chief of the First Aid Department of the American Red Cross, assisted by Dr. Shields, of the American Red Cross.

Seventeen teams were entered in the contest, representing the Clinchfield Coal Company, the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, and the Stonewall Coal and Coal Company. In addition to the regular teams, there were three colored teams of the Stonewall Coal and Coal Company's Stonewall plant, who were judged under special rules.

ing, competed for a separate prize. A Boy Scout Team from Stonewall also gave an exhibition. The judges of the contest, who were selected and commissioned by Major Patterson were: Major R. U. Patterson, assisted by Dr. W. J. Shields, J. A. Gilreer, W. A. Baker, G. W. Botts, W. L. Spencer, Wm. N. Botts, W. G. Painter, F. D. Pence, and W. B. Peters.

The first prize for the highest team average was won by the Laurel Team of the Clinchfield Coal Company; the first prize for the one man events was won by J. J. Strong of the Imboden No. 2 Team of the Stonewall Coal and Coal Company, and the first prize for the two men events was won by A. H. Hurd of the Keokee Team of the Stonewall Coal and Coal Company. The complete scores of the contest are given below:

TEAM AVERAGES.			
Place	Team	Company	Score
1st	Laurel	C. C. & Co.	92.0
2nd	Imboden	V. I. C. & Co.	90.0
3rd	Keokee No. 1	S. C. & Co.	89.0
4th	Arno No. 1	S. C. & Co.	88.0
5th	Dante	C. C. & Co.	87.0
6th	Keokee No. 2	S. C. & Co.	87.0
7th	Osaka No. 2	S. C. & Co.	86.8
8th	Toma Creek	V. I. C. & Co.	86.8
9th	Imboden No. 2	S. C. & Co.	86.4
10th	Roda No. 1	S. C. & Co.	85.8
11th	Cranes Nest	C. C. & Co.	85.6
12th	Osaka No. 1	S. C. & Co.	85.2
13th	Arno No. 2	S. C. & Co.	85.8
14th	Imboden No. 1	S. C. & Co.	82.4
15th	Roda No. 2	S. C. & Co.	79.4
16th	Stonewall No. 2	S. C. & Co.	78.2
17th	Stonewall No. 1	S. C. & Co.	77.6

COLOR TEAM—Judged Under

Separate Rating.			
Place	Team	Company	Score
1st	Stonewall No. 1	S. C. & Co.	91.8
2nd	Stonewall No. 2	S. C. & Co.	91.6
3rd	Stonewall No. 3	S. C. & Co.	87.8

TWO MEN EVENTS

Place	Team	Company	Score
1st	Keokee No. 1	S. C. & Co.	95.0
2nd	Imboden	V. I. C. & Co.	94.1
3rd	Laurel	C. C. & Co.	94.0
4th	Osaka No. 1	S. C. & Co.	93.4
5th	Cranes Nest	C. C. & Co.	93.0
6th	Arno No. 1	S. C. & Co.	91.6
7th	Osaka No. 2	S. C. & Co.	90.6
8th	Roda No. 2	S. C. & Co.	89.8
9th	Imboden No. 2	S. C. & Co.	87.5
10th	Toma Creek	V. I. C. & Co.	87.5
11th	Keokee No. 2	S. C. & Co.	86.5
12th	Dante	C. C. & Co.	86.0
13th	Arno No. 2	S. C. & Co.	85.5
14th	Imboden No. 1	S. C. & Co.	85.5
15th	Roda No. 1	S. C. & Co.	84.5
16th	Stonewall No. 2	S. C. & Co.	81.5
17th	Stonewall No. 1	S. C. & Co.	71.5

ONE MAN EVENTS

Place	Team	Company	Score
1st	Imboden No. 2	S. C. & Co.	98.9
2nd	Keokee No. 2	S. C. & Co.	94.0
3rd	Toma Creek	V. I. C. & Co.	93.0
4th	Stonewall No. 1	S. C. & Co.	92.0
5th	Dante	C. C. & Co.	90.0
6th	Imboden	V. I. C. & Co.	89.0
7th	Osaka No. 1	S. C. & Co.	88.0
8th	Osaka No. 2	S. C. & Co.	88.0
9th	Arno No. 1	S. C. & Co.	88.0
10th	Laurel	C. C. & Co.	87.0
11th	Roda No. 1	S. C. & Co.	86.0
12th	Roda No. 2	S. C. & Co.	85.0
13th	Imboden No. 1	S. C. & Co.	85.0
14th	Cranes Nest	C. C. & Co.	80.0
15th	Stonewall No. 2	S. C. & Co.	80.0
16th	Arno No. 2	S. C. & Co.	78.0
17th	Keokee	S. C. & Co.	77.0

Aeroplane Flight.

The aeroplane flight, which was scheduled to take place at 11 o'clock, had to be postponed until 1 o'clock on account of a valve in the engine missing. Mr. Lucky finally got ready and made a perfect flight, circling the town several times at a height of 500 feet, and made a perfect landing in the park near where he started amid a thundering applause from the spectators.

Base Ball.

On the afternoon of July 2nd Big Stone Gap and Keokee, who stood third and fourth in the Virginia Coal Fields League, played for a cash prize of \$100, which was won by Big Stone Gap by a score of 7 to 5. Quite a crowd was out to see both

teams in action for the last time this season. The game was not so fast as heretofore, but nevertheless was interesting. The home team got on to Harding in the first inning for four runs, and by gradually increasing their lead, Keokee failed to overcome them. Fisher had to relieve McIntire in the sixth, and pitched good ball for the remainder of the game. Following is tabulated score of game:

KEOKEE										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Redmon, 2b	4	0	0	1	1	0				
Kuhlman, 2b	5	0	0	1	1	0				
Monahan, ss	3	1	0	4	1	0				
Turner, cf	3	2	3	3	0	0				
Harding, p & 1f	3	1	1	1	3	1				
Shout, c	4	0	1	5	3	1				
Sellers, 1b	4	0	1	7	1	0				
Coleman, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Dacey, lf & p	2	1	2	3	2	0				
Stanford	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Total	31	5	8	24	12	2				

BIG STONE GAP										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Epp, ss	4	0	0	1	1	0				
Cowan, 2b	4	1	2	2	4	1				
McCall, 1b	4	1	2	7	0	0				
Potter, cf	4	1	0	3	0	0				
Fisher, lf & p	4	0	2	3	2	4				
Whigham, 3b	3	0	0	7	1	0				
William, rf	3	1	2	1	0	1				
Emery, lf & p	1	0	0	1	0	0				
McIntire, p	2	0	0	0	0	0				
Hall, lf	1	1	1	0	0	0				
Total	32	7	11	21	9	3				

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Keokee	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	5	8	2		
Big Stone	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	7	11	8		

Umpire—H. Swain.  
Earned runs—Keokee 4, Big Stone Gap 3.  
Stolen bases—Stout; Kiff; Potter, 2.  
Base on balls of McIntire, 3; Fisher, 6.  
Three-base hits—Dacey, 2; Turner, 1.  
Struck out by McIntire, 3; Fisher, 4.  
Harding, 1; Dacey, 9.  
Double plays—Fisher to Cowin to Wickham.

## July 3rd.

On Saturday the program was delayed until 2 o'clock in the afternoon on account of the rain. Aviator Lucky went up in his plane again and gave the spectators a thrill in one of his famous dips. While flying directly over the park he dipped very suddenly down towards the bleachers, causing the people to run and jump for their lives, but to their astonishment the aviator passed safely over their heads.

### Tug of War.

The tug of war contest took place in front of the grand stand. Six teams were entered, consisting of ten men each with a captain. Keokee, Osaka, Stonewall, 2; Imboden, and Big Stone Gap. Three flags were placed on the ground three feet apart, and a handkerchief was tied in the center of a long rope. With a team at each end of the rope a signal was given for both teams to pull. The team pulling the handkerchief past the outside flag won. In the preliminaries the contest finally simmered down to Imboden and Keokee. The latter team won by taking two out of three pulls. First prize, Keokee, \$25.00; second prize, Imboden, \$10.00.

### Fast Mule Race.

First prize, \$3.00—Oad Ward, of Arno saw mill; second prize, box of cigars—A. H. Mareum, of Stonewall.

### Slow Mule Race.

Mules swap drivers and drivers swap mules. No spurs or switches were used and the last mule to cross the line was declared winner. Tucker won first prize, and Franks, of Arno, second prize.

### Horse Show—Roadsters.

J. W. McGavock, of Wythe county, Dr. J. C. Orr, of Bristol, and James Cowden, of Scott county, were selected to judge the horse show.

Entries: Paul Martin and Miss Mattie Brown, Creed Kelly and Miss Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Yeary.

First prize, \$10.00—Paul Martin and Miss Mattie Brown; second prize, \$2.50—Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Yeary.

### Live Stock Show.

Best cow—First prize—John Gilly, of Lee county; best registered bull—First prize—T. G. Morris, of Wise county; best milk cow—First prize—H. A.

## Something Doing in South.

### Investigations Going On In East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

N. B. ReMine, of Bristol, writes the Manufacturers' Record that there has been an inspection of mineralogical conditions in East Tennessee by electro-chemical engineers representing the Snyder Electric Furnace Co., Chicago, which gives promise of resulting in adding to the many industries of the South a new and highly profitable branch of manufacturing raw materials into high class trade products. American manufacturers in general, as a result of unsatisfactory transportation conditions resulting from the continental war, have been unable to secure many of the chemical products of basic necessity in their manufacturing operations. Thus the attention of commercial chemists, and particularly of electro-chemical experts, has been turned toward the field of American needs in this respect to devise an economical and permanent basis upon which these necessary supplies could be manufactured in the United States upon a basis that will leave them a market against European competition when trade with the continent revives following the present war.

During the past six months the Snyder Electric Furnace Co., which manufactures one of the types of successful electro-chemical furnaces, has been making a detailed investigation of East Tennessee territory as a locality in which to install one of its furnaces in making ferro-manganese and other electro-chemical products necessary both in steel manufacture and in various chemical uses. Thorough study has been made of the supply of raw material obtainable throughout East Tennessee, and a detailed report has been made, particularly as to available quantities of manganese. It is found that given the low power rate for electrical energy, which one of these Tennessee electrical companies is able to make, and the certainty of a satisfactory supply of manganese and other necessary minerals, the establishment of such a plant as is contemplated would be both financially profitable and would fill what is at this time a commercial necessity in Southern manufacturing markets. It is expected that the Snyder Company within a short while will begin the installation of its plant in a single unit, adding to the producing capital as the market is extended. The primary product will be 80 per cent ferro-manganese. Other alloys will be added to the production of the plant as market conditions justify.

### Oscar E. Banks Dies at Abingdon.

The many friends and relatives of Oscar E. Banks, at this place, will be deeply grieved to learn of his death, which occurred at Abingdon, Va., Monday morning at 8:15 o'clock. He had been sick for a week or more of heart trouble, having had an attack several months ago.

Simoa and Reuben Banks, brothers of the deceased, went to Abingdon Monday morning to attend the funeral services and the remains were interred at that place Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased was 27 years old and a son of Mrs. W. G. Banks, of this place, where he spent his boyhood days. For several years he was connected with the Virginia & Tennessee Telephone Company, at this place, but moved to Abingdon about five years ago, where he held a position as local manager for the same company, and was held in high esteem.

The deceased is survived by a wife, two small children, mother, four brothers and one sister, namely, Mrs. Alpha Banks, Simon, Reuben, Roy, Earl and Thelma.

## Typhoid Reports.

### State Board of Health Wishes Prompt Notification of All Outbreaks.

Richmond, Va., July 2.—The State Board of Health today renewed its request for prompt notification of all outbreaks of typhoid fever that threatened to assume the proportions of an epidemic. The board is now fully organized for its summer work against the disease but cannot promise the prompt stoppage of epidemics unless reports are made before the disease is widespread. Physicians in particular are asked by the board to forward their monthly report cards promptly and to notify the board if there are any evidences of outbreaks in the communities where they practice. The same request is made of municipal authorities and of private citizens.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The first annual tournament of the Cumberland Tennis Club was held in connection with the Big Stone Gap Athletic Association, on the courts, July 2nd. Much interest was shown in the matches by visitors and club members. Two prizes were given by the Big Stone Gap Athletic Association. First prize for the winning team was awarded Mr. Winston and Mr. Dremmen of the local club. Second prize for the runner-up was won by Geo. H. Reese and Robt. G. Lowe, of Pineville, Ky.

Matches played and results were as follows:

Big Stone Gap, L. T. Winston and E. Dremmen defeated Dante, V. S. Paine and Fred King, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

University of Virginia, J. E. Bullitt, Jr., and D. Prescott defeated Keokee, J. K. Taggart and R. E. Taggart, 9-7, 4-6, 6-3.

Big Stone Gap, L. T. Winston and E. Dremmen defeated Wm. A. C. Anderson and J. S. Cheyney, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Pineville, G. H. Reese and R. Lowe defeated University of Virginia, J. E. Bullitt, Jr., and D. Prescott, 7-5, 7-9, 6-2.

Big Stone Gap, L. T. Winston and E. Dremmen defeated Pineville, G. H. Reese and R. G. Lowe, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Referee—W. T. Alsouer.  
Umpire—Mayo Cabell.  
Scorer—J. P. Horne.

### DYER, TENN., MAN SUFFERED 40 YEARS.

### J. T. Castleman Finds Hope Fulfilled After Passing Threescore Years.

J. T. Castleman, of Dyer, Tenn., suffered from stomach derangements for forty years, taking all sorts of medicine, failing all kinds of medical advice. In all the forty years, he said, he never had a real good day—until he tried Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Then he discovered something. Let his letter tell about it: "The first dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy caused gall stones to pass from me. I am feeling much better than I have ever before. I am 64 years old and I had never before enjoyed one whole good day. 'I would not give the one bottle you sent me for all the drugs and doctor's medicine that is made.'"

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—adv.

A total of \$4,000,000 in tolls was collected for the use of the Panama canal in the time between the opening of the waterway for traffic in May last year up to June 6 last.

## Government Buys Land.

### More Than 1,275,000 Acres From White Mountains to Appalachians Has Been Purchased.

Washington, Va., July 2.—Purchase by the federal government of 97,888 acres of non-agricultural land in the White mountains of New Hampshire and the Southern Appalachians was approved today by the national forest reservation committee. This brought the total so far approved for national forests in the East up to more than 1,375,000 acres.

The latest acquisition will involve an expenditure of \$380,000, or about \$3.88 an acre. The largest parcel is in the Boone purchase area, in North Carolina, a block of 36,350 acres, which the owners have agreed to sell for \$1.90 an acre; the next largest is in New Hampshire, a group of tracts comprising 23,518 acres, one of which will close a gap between the tracts already acquired in that region, the price being \$7.21 an acre.

Other tracts include: 3,062 acres in the Potomac area, Virginia and West Virginia; 294 acres in the Massachusetts area, Virginia; 195 acres in the Shenandoah area, Virginia and West Virginia; 13,423 acres in the Natural Bridge area, Virginia; 7,594 acres in the White Top area, Tennessee and Virginia; 620 acres in the Savannah area, North Carolina; 1,651 acres in the Nantahala area, North Carolina; 350 acres in the Cherokee area, Tennessee; and 1,100 at \$3.35 per acre in the Georgia area.

### Buyers Coal and Timber Lands.

Winchester, Ky., June 30.—J. L. Little and associates, of Coalburn, Va., a few days ago purchased a large area of fine coal and timber lands along the upper Rockhouse creek in this county, paying about \$40,000 cash therefor. It is said here that real estate transfers are almost daily along Rockhouse creek and considerable talk of the building of a branch line of the Lexington and Eastern railroad up the fork in order to open up the extensive coal and timber fields, the richest in Eastern Kentucky. Engineers are now said to be locating the road. Its construction will probably start during July.

### Winter Cover Crop.

Crimson clover as a winter cover crop should not be sowed anywhere in the United States earlier than July 1st. If sowed earlier it is likely to head out and mature in the fall without making sufficient growth. The latter part of July and the month of August are the sowing periods for crimson clover. We have found none of our farmers "laying by" their corn and sowing crimson clover about June 20th. With all due respect to these gentlemen this is too early for the laying by of corn and too early for the sowing of crimson clover. Corn can probably be cultivated during the larger part of the month of July. It will need work much more just before and after the sowing and tassel-ling period than before as the corn plants "axed to their full strength" at that time and any help we can give them will greatly benefit them.

The dryer of the season the more frequent and thorough should be the cultivation, always remembering that corn should be cultivated shallow, just stir the top two or three inches as deep cultivation leaves the land rough and breaks the corn roots. We have some progressive farmers and farmer boys who have already cultivated their corn 4 and 5 times and who plan to cultivate 2 or 3 times more. Every good cultivation that an acre of corn receives should make that acre yield from 1 to 5 bushels more corn.

J. C. Stiles.

Old newspaper for sale at this office.

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